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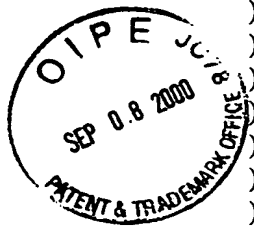
In re Patent Application of

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For: AN EVAPORATOR, A HEAT
ABSORBER, A THERMAL
TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND A
THERMAL TRANSPORT METHOD



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In support of this claim, enclosed is certified copy of said prior foreign application. Said prior foreign application was referred to in the oath or declaration. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is requested.

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